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Applicant: Hidenori KAWANISHI et al. Conf No.: 9854  
Appl. No.: 09/466,174 Group: 2828  
Filed: December 17, 1999 Examiner: Menefee  
For: SEMICONDUCTOR LASER DEVICE WITH SPOT-SIZE  
CONVERTER AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING THE  
SAME

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks

December 16, 2002

Sir:

This is in Reply to the Office Action mailed July 16, 2002. A petition for  
a two (2) month extension of time is included.

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**AMENDMENT**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1, 2 and 4-8 without prejudice or disclaimer of the  
subject matter therein.

Please add new claims 16-42 as follows:

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--16. A semiconductor laser device with a spot-size converter  
comprising:  
a semiconductor substrate;